## Casey Matteo Grade 7 Holy Family School Third Place

"Carrying Dr. King's Belief Into the Future"

Dr. King's impressions on society were big, and also very important. At many times in my life I have tried to reflect these impressions in everything I do. Keeping the impressions and contributions in my mind, I have set a few goals for myself that I hope to achieve.

I plan to contribute to society and continue Dr. King's dream by not judging people by their looks, color, or gender, but by their personality, heart, and contributions to society.

I also plan to contribute to society by opening my heart and feelings to anyone. I was doing a project for school and came across a quote I have kept with me since, "You cannot shake hands with a closed fist," by Ghandi. I have tried to express my feelings in many ways. I have tried by helping the kids in my neighborhood not feel bad when they have gotten into trouble, whether at home or school, or by helping to solve conflicts between best friends so they would not end their relationships with each other because I know how they feel.

I am an American citizen; I was born and raised in Harrisburg. I have seen and culturally interacted with many different nationalities. I believe everyone in this country who contributes to its well being deserves to be called an American.

I would seek to help people who have come from other countries, by helping them to acquire shelter, and a solid support system.

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I also plan to make an impression on society by donating time, effort, and money to those less fortunate.

Finally and most importantly of all to not segregate or alienate anyone, by race, color, or religious beliefs. I do not want to be a person like that.